



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )  
 Inventor(s): KARP, Christoph D., et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2855  
 Serial No.: 10/697,923 ) Examiner: Cygan, Michael T.  
 Filed: October 29, 2003 ) Attorney Docket: 131-US  
 For: PRESSURIZED MICROFLUIDIC )  
 DEVICES WITH OPTICAL DETECTION )  
 REGIONS )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 22, 2004**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

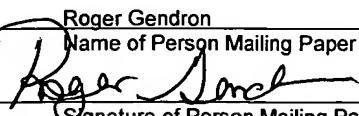
This communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed on November 22, 2004, the time for responding thereto being set at on or before February 22, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this Amendment is timely filed. If Applicant should be mistaken in this regard, however, then please treat this as a petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 502454 for any necessary petition fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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